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People Are Saying . . .

Experts from 14 countries gathered in London last month to study what they call mounting evidence of "close humanoid encounters," alleged CIA coverups of the beings and other unidentified flying objects.

The British UFO Research Ass'n, organizers of the meeting, said about 300 delegates attended the two day conference.

Among the scheduled speakers was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of America's leading UFO investigators. Hynek is director of the Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., and for 20 years was scientific consultant on UFO to the USAF.

He was formerly professor astronomy at NW University at Evanston, now is director of the Lindheimer Observatory in Ill., and has written two best selling books, "The UFO Experience" and "The Hynek UFO Report." He was scheduled to read a paper to the group entitled "Towards a Working Classification of UFO Phenomena."

Other delegates came from Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Organizers said the congress "Discussed ways of improving the study of UFOs and reexamined the mounting worldwide evidence for close human encounters.

Tremor felt but not found

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TEXAS CITY — What caused a jolt felt by persons living as far south as Galveston and as far north as La Porte is "anyone's guess," says a Federal Aviation Administration official.

Police in Texas City, Galveston and League City said they were unable to find the cause.

"We could feel it, but no one could find it," said Texas City Police Department Sgt. F.C. Dawson describing Wednesday's 1:30 p.m. sound.

"I was on my way out the door to work. It shook my house. As long as there wasn't a second one everything is OK," he said.

Dawson said no explosions or fires were reported Wednesday afternoon in Texas City.

A Coast Guard spokesman in Galveston said no offshore tanker fires or explosions were reported.

Pasadena police said no explosions were reported at refineries along the Houston Ship Channel or at the nearby Bayport industrial complex.

No unusual sounding or high speed aircraft were reported above the Houston-Galveston area Wednesday, according to FAA officials in both areas.

The disturbance apparently was not caused by an earthquake. Jim Dorman, professor of marine studies at the Marine Science Institute, Galveston, said he could see nothing on the record from seismic instruments at Hockley, northwest of Houston.

Dorman said an earthquake in the area would be very rare, an opinion shared by Dr. Jean-Claude de Bremaecker of Rice University, who said the chances of an earthquake "are rather smaller than me flying to the moon."

Close Encounters?

By Barbara Mueller

Two South Milwaukee men claim to have observed a pointed mushroom-shaped UFO hovering over trees at the end of Drexel Boulevard, west of the Chicago & North Western Railroad tracks last Friday night.

A truck driven by Bruce Szewczuga, 717 Milwaukee Ave., was eastbound on Drexel Boulevard, just off of Pennsylvania Avenue, shortly before 8:30 p.m., when he and a passenger, Randall Froschheuser, 1704 Menomonee Ave., saw what appeared to be a large UFO hovering over some trees. The object was in the shape of a mushroom with a pointed top bent to the right.

Szewczuga described the object as "Very bright orange in color, glowing with different shade of orange." It kept appearing and fading as the truck continued in its eastbound direction. It appeared as though it was partially behind some trees as branches could be seen

along the bottom of the UFO.

As the men got closer, the UFO appeared to get smaller, and about a block away it disappeared.

When questioned about what he had seen, Froschheuser told authorities he was not wearing his glasses but could see the shade of the object as being described by Szewczuga.

Szewczuga provided authorities with a sketch of the alleged UFO. Police were dispatched to the area but were unable to locate the object.

South Milwaukee police say they have received at least three other recent anonymous reports of UFO sightings on the outskirts of the city.

On Sept. 6, five men claimed to have seen a large football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hover about 40 feet off the ground near Dresser, Wis.

Their experience is being classified by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., as a "Close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were within 200 meters of the object.

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